

1853. IV Jahrgang, No. 3. Jul. Aug. Sept. Wien. 4to.—
From the Imperial Royal Geological Institute, Vienna.

Report of the Hon. James Meacham, of the Special Committee of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, on the Distribution of the Income of the Smithsonian Fund, &c. Washington, 1854. 8vo.—*From Hon. D. Stuart, M. C.*

Notes on the Gulf Stream: by A. D. Bache, Superintendent U. S. Coast Survey. (Revised to 1854.)—*From the Author.*

The Astronomical Journal. Vol. III. No. 24. Vol. IV. Nos. 1, 2. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, Jr., Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XII. No. 140. Aug. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VII. No. 1. July, 1854. New York. 8vo.—*From Myron Finch, Esq., Editor.*

Dr. Bache announced the decease of William M'Ilvaine, a member of the Society, who died on the 9th inst., aged 68:—

And, on motion, Mr. George Ord was requested to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased member.

Judge Kane, from the committee appointed some time since to provide better accommodations for the Society's library, made a verbal report in reference to that subject, and gave reasons for the apparent delay of the committee:—Whereupon, it was, on motion, resolved, That the committee have discretionary power to suspend action, as in their judgment shall be deemed expedient.

The Society of the Museum of Natural History, of Strasburg, was ordered to be placed on the list of corresponding Societies.

Stated Meeting, September 15.

Present, fourteen members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. Benjamin Gerhard, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From the Literary Society of Funen, dated Odense, 3d April, 1853, announcing a donation for the Society's library:—

From the Corporation of Harvard College, dated Cambridge, July 22, 1854, returning acknowledgment for No. 51 of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Bulletin de la Société de Géographie. IV. Série. Tome VI. Paris, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Aktstykker til Nordens Historie i Grevefeidens Tid. Af Danske og fremmede Archiver. Samlede og udgivne af Fyens Stifts Literære Selskab. I. Samling, 1, 2, 3 Hefte. Odense, 1850–52.—*From the Literary Society of Funen.*

Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. Vol. VII. No. 2. July, 1854. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXX. No. 9. Sept. 1854. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

Prodrome de la Classification des Reptiles Ophiidiens. Par M. Dumeril. (Mem. Acad. Sci. Tome XXIII. Nov. 1852.) Paris. 4to.—*From the Author.*

The Florist and Horticultural Journal: a Monthly Magazine of Horticulture, Agriculture, Botany, Agricultural Chemistry, Entomology, &c. H. C. Hanson, Editor. Vol. III. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

The Dispensatory of the United States of America. By George B. Wood, M. D., &c. &c., and Franklin Bache, M. D., &c. &c. Tenth Edition, carefully revised. Philadelphia, 1854. 8vo.—*From Dr. F. Bache.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XII. No. 141. Sept. 1854. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VII. No. 2. Aug. 1854. New York. 8vo.—*From the Editor.*

The Cape Verde and Hatteras Hurricane of Aug. and Sept. 1853, with a Hurricane Chart, and Notices of various Storms in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans north of the Equator. By W. C. Redfield. (Am. Jour. Sci. and Arts, Vol. XVIII. 1854.) New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XVIII. No. 53. Sept. 1854. New Haven. 8vo.—*From Professors Silliman & Dana, Editors.*

Dr. F. Bache announced the decease of Dr. Robert M. Patterson, formerly President of this Society, who died on the 5th instant, in the 68th year of his age :

Whereupon, on motion, Judge Kane was requested to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased, with a view to its publication as a preface to the Transactions of the Society.

Dr. Boyé exhibited, for the inspection of the members, a stereoscopic daguerreotype of a family group, taken by Mr. Mayall, of London, which he considers as indicating great perfection in this art, particularly in the colouring.

Dr. Duglison laid before the Society some specimens of printing, recently brought by him from Vienna, executed in the "K. K. Hof und Staatsdruckerei," in that city. They consist of copies from impressions in lead of laces, leaves, mosses, &c., presenting an exact resemblance of the original ;— an improvement in art which promises to be useful in imitating botanical and other specimens, as well as in preparing copies for the use of the blind, of various subjects which they may admirably study by the touch of copies prepared in this manner.

Judge Kane mentioned that he had lately received a communication from England, containing information from which it appears unlikely that the American Exploring Expedition, under the command of Dr. Kane, will be able to return to this country as soon as was originally expected. The severity of the season and the closeness of the ice succeeding the open season of 1853, will, it is considered probable, detain them in the Arctic regions for another year.

Stated Meeting, October 6.

Present, twenty members.

Dr. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, 13th May, 1854, accompanying a donation for the library:—